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E.O 811652: N/A

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SUBJECT: LOS - REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

REF: STATE 151291

DATA ON MINERALS REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

1. NO PRODUCTION ONSHORE OR OFFSHORE OF OIL OR GAS.
2. NONE
3. NO PROVED RECOVERABLE RESERVES ON SHORE OR OFFSHORE OF GAS OR OIL.
4. ONSHORE - OIL AND GAS, NONE.

OFFSHORE - GAS, NONE; MODEST OIL RESERVES UNCOVERED, BUT NO PUBLISHED FIGURES AVAILABLE.

5. NO WELLS DRILLED OFFSHORE OR ONSHORE IN 1972 (NOTE - 2 EXPLORATORY WELLS DRILLED OFFSHORE EARLY 1973 WERE BOTH UNCLASSIFIED

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DRY. NEITHER BEYOND 200 METER WATER DEPTH.)

6. NONE OFFSHORE OR ONSHORE.

7. UNION OIL CO OF DAHOMEY (SUBSIDIARY OF UNION OIL CO. OF CALIFORNIA) HAS A CONCESSION OFFSHORE AND ONSHORE UNDER A CONVENTION AGREEMENT SIGNED ON DEC 19, 1964. UNLESS UNION DECLARES A COMMERCIAL DISCOVERY BY DEC 19, 1974, THEY MUST RELINQUISH THEIR AREA IN TOTO. TOTAL REMAINING AREA OF THEIR CONCESSION, BOTH ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE, IS 7355 SQUARE KM. SHELL HAS OFFSHORE AND ONSHORE ACREAGE ALSO (AWARDED IN 1971 - EXPIRATION DATE MAY 1980). PIVIPOY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION HELD OFFSHORE, ON SHORE

ACREAGE DURING 1972, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR FAILURE TO COME UP WITH THEIR SIGNATURE BONUS PAYMENT OF \$1,000,000 TO THE DAHOMEAN GOVERNMENT, THEIR AREA HAS REVERTED TO THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMEY. BOTH SHELL AND UNION APPEAR TO HAVE SOME ACREAGE BEYOND THE 200 METER DEPTH.

8. UNION OIL COMPANY SPENT APPROXIMATELY \$1,500,000 DOLLARS FOR OFFSHORE EXPLORATION IN 1972.

9. EXPORTS - NIL; IMPORTS - CRUDE OIL, NIL, OIL PRODUCTS 288,613.7 TONS AND NATURAL GAS, NONE.

10 NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS. ANDERSON

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